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Human resources management

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda items 116 and 123 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/55/690 and A/55/852.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the items at its 58th, 59th, 61st, 64th, 66th and 67th meetings, on 7, 8, 10, 21, 24 and 25 May 2001. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the items are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/55/SR.58, 59, 61, 64, 66 and 67).

3. For its further consideration of the items, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission and regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General (A/55/928);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Young professionals in selected organizations of the United Nations system: recruitment, management and retention" (A/55/798);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments, as well as those of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Young professionals in selected organizations of the United Nations system: recruitment, management and retention" (A/55/798/Add.1);

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(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Delegation of authority for management of human and financial resources in the United Nations Secretariat"(A/55/857);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Delegation of authority for management of human and financial resources in the United Nations Secretariat" (A/55/857/Add.1).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft decision A/C.5/55/L.62

4. At the 67th meeting, on 25 May, the representative of Pakistan, coordinator of the informal consultations on the question of delegation of authority, introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a draft decision entitled "Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the delegation of authority for management of human and financial resources in the United Nations Secretariat" (A/C.5/55/L.62).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/55/L.62 without a vote (see para. 9, draft decision I).

B. Draft decision A/C.5/55/L.88

6. Also at the same meeting, the Committee had before it a draft decision submitted by the Chairman entitled "Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission and regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General" (A/C.5/55/L.88).

7. Before action was taken on the draft decision, a statement in explanation of position, was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic (see A/C.5/55/SR.67).

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/55/L.88 without a vote (see para. 9, draft decision II).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

9. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the delegation of authority for management of human and financial resources in the United Nations Secretariat

The General Assembly:

(a) Welcomes the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Delegation of authority for management of human and financial resources in the United Nations Secretariat";[1]

(b) Takes note of the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;[2]

(c) Endorses the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit;

(d) Decides to consider the relevant report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions during the main part of its fifty-sixth session.

Draft decision II
Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission and regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission and regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General[3] to its fifty-sixth session.

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[1] A/55/857.
[2] A/55/857/Add.1.
[3] A/55/928.